

## **Assembly Concurrent Resolution No. 62**

### **RESOLUTION CHAPTER 107**

Assembly Concurrent Resolution No. 62—Relative to the Congressman George Miller Benicia-Martinez Bridge.

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#### **LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST**

ACR 62, DeSaulnier. Congressman George Miller Benicia-Martinez Bridge.

This measure would designate the new northbound Benicia-Martinez Bridge as the Congressman George Miller Benicia-Martinez Bridge. The measure would also request the Department of Transportation to determine the cost of appropriate signs showing this special designation and, upon receiving donations from nonstate sources covering that cost, to erect those signs.

WHEREAS, George Miller was born in Richmond, California, on May 17, 1945; and

WHEREAS, George Miller graduated from San Francisco State University and received his law degree from the University of California, Davis; and

WHEREAS, George Miller thereafter served on the staff of former State Senate Majority Leader George Moscone; and

WHEREAS, George Miller has been a member of the United States Congress, representing the Seventh District of California since 1975; and

WHEREAS, Congressman Miller's myriad achievements include authoring the Central Valley Project Improvement Act of 1992 and other laws concerning environmental protection and resource management, energy policy, child care, mental health, aid to victims of domestic violence, and numerous education reforms; and

WHEREAS, Congressman Miller has consistently championed federal support for California's diverse, multimodal transportation system. His work was instrumental in accomplishing all of the following: extending the BART rail system, upgrading the Vallejo Baylink ferry service, reconfiguring the interchange of Interstate Route 680 and State Highway Route 24, establishing the intermodal rail and bus stations in Martinez and Richmond, widening State Highway Route 4 between Martinez and Hercules and between Pacheco and Pittsburg, and advancing the soon-to-be-built Vallejo Station complex; and

WHEREAS, Congressman Miller has been a tireless advocate for children and was one of the four original authors of the historic No Child Left Behind Act of 2001, which passed with strong bipartisan support in 2001 and was signed into law in 2002. Reflecting Congressman Miller's ability to reach

across party lines, the act fulfilled many of his longstanding legislative efforts to improve teacher quality requirements, to hold schools accountable for the education of all children, and to provide federal financial support to meet the act's goals; and

WHEREAS, In January 2007, Congressman Miller was elected by his colleagues to serve as chairman of the House Education and Labor Committee, a panel on which he has served since his arrival in Congress and as Senior Democrat since 2001; and

WHEREAS, Congressman Miller continues to serve on the House Natural Resources Committee, a panel he chaired from 1991 to 1994; and

WHEREAS, Congressman Miller orchestrated a federal and state effort to meet technical and environmental challenges created by construction of the new Benicia-Martinez Bridge, an effort that led to several important engineering advances, including the use of pumped air to create a bubble curtain around underwater pile driving to protect migratory fish from potentially lethal shockwaves; and

WHEREAS, The new Benicia-Martinez Bridge links the Contra Costa County and Solano County portions of the Seventh Congressional District; and

WHEREAS, The original Benicia-Martinez Bridge, which opened in 1962, was designated the George Miller, Jr., Memorial Bridge in 1975 to honor Congressman Miller's father, who represented Contra Costa County in the California State Assembly from 1947 to 1948, and in the California State Senate from 1949 until his death in 1969; now, therefore, be it

*Resolved by the Assembly of the State of California, the Senate thereof concurring,* That the Legislature recognizes the contributions made by Congressman George Miller and the unique circumstance that the new northbound Benicia-Martinez Bridge runs adjacent to the existing George Miller, Jr., Memorial Bridge, and hereby designates the new northbound Benicia-Martinez Bridge as the Congressman George Miller Benicia-Martinez Bridge; and be it further

*Resolved,* That the Department of Transportation is requested to determine the cost of appropriate signs, consistent with the signing requirements for the state highway system, showing this special designation and, upon receiving donations from nonstate sources sufficient to cover that cost, to erect those signs; and be it further

*Resolved,* That the Chief Clerk of the Assembly transmit copies of this resolution to the Department of Transportation and to the author for appropriate distribution.